

Die Veneris, 28. Maii 1647
AN ORDINANCE

For releife of Maymed Souldiers and Marriners, and the VViddows
and Orphants of such as have died in the service of the
Parliament during these late VVarres,



Or the reliefe and maintenance of such Souldiers as have bin maimed, and disabled in the service of the Parliament during these late warres, that is to say, since the warres began; and for the reliefe of the Widowes and Orphants of such as have been slaine or dead in the said service, Be it ordained by the Lords and Commons in this present Parliament assembled, that from and after the feast of *Easter* last past before the date hereof, every Parish within this Realme of *England* and Dominion of *Wales* shall be charged weekly to the payment of such summe of money as formerly they have been rated at by vertue of a Statute of the 43^d yeare of Queen *Elizabeth*, Cap. *tertio*, concerning the reliefe of Souldiers and Marriners, for and to such end and purpose; And likewise such further summe of money over and besides the same, as by the Justices of the Peace in their next Quarter Sessions after the passing this Ordinance, or the major part of them shall be adjudged meete to be assessed upon every Parish or Chappelry that hath distinct parochiall Officers; so as the said additionall summe exceedeth not the summe of two shillings and six pence, nor be under the summe of three pence each weeke, for each such Parish or Chappelry, the same to be leavied in manner and forme by such persons, and under such penalties, as by the said Statute of Queen *Elizabeth* is declared; And to be payd to the Treasurers for the maimed Souldiers appointed by the Justices of the peace of the County or Liberty by vertue of this Ordinance, and the Statute of Queen *Elizabeth* aforesaid; which said Treasurers shall be ordered in such manner, and under such penalties as by the said Statute is further declared. And be it ordained that every Souldier or Marriner, maimed or disabled in body for worke, in the service of the Parliament during these late warres, shall forthwith repaire to the place where he was last settled when he tooke up Armes, with a Certificate of his service, and hurt received, under the hand of his Capitaine or other *Commissionary Officer*, and shall also repaire unto the two next Justices of the peace for the County where such his settling was; And the said two Justices upon examination of the truth of such Certificate (which the said two Justices are hereby enabled to take upon oath of the party, and of such witnesses as he shall produce) shall by warrant unto the Treasurer assigne him reliefe untill the next Quarter-sessions to be holden for that County or Liberty, At which time a yearly Pension shall be by the said Justices or major part of them granted in manner and forme, and with power of revocation or alteration, as by the said Statute is further declared and directed; And in case that the Capitaine or Officer appointed to make such Certificate be dead, the said two Justices shall have power upon request of them made in behalfe of the party maymed by persons of credit to give such reliefe as in case of examination aforesaid. And as touching Widowes and Orphants of such as have died, or have been slaine in the service of the Parliament; It is hereby ordained, that over and besides such reliefe as they shall gaine by their worke and labour, and shall be allowed them by the charity and benevolence of the Parish, Towne, or Hamlet where they are settled (who are hereby required to have them in speciall regard) the Treasurers of the maimed Souldiers for such County shall allow such further reliefe from time to time as shall be judged meete by the two next Justices of the peace of such County; The said reliefe shall be paid out of the surpluse of such stock of maintenance as shall remaine in the hands of the said Treasurers after such Pensions granted, and payment of them made, and of which surpluse and allowance made unto such Widowes and Orphants, the said Treasurers shall give account from time to time, and the same distribute in such manner as by the Justices shall be directed, and according to the Statute aforesaid.

Be it further Ordained, that the Justices of the Peace in every County or Liberty, or any two of them, shall forthwith call all such Treasurers, High-Constables, Petty-Constables, or other persons (who have formerly been intrusted with the receipt, collecting, or disposing of any summe of money charged upon any Parish by vertue of the Statute aforesaid, and whereof no account hath been given; and likewise the Executors and Administrators of such persons) unto account concerning such leavies, and collections made, and such money as they shall find remaining in the custody of such persons, to order forthwith to be paid unto the Treasurer appointed by vertue of the said Statute, or to be appointed by vertue of this Ordinance, at the next quarter Sessions to be holden for the County or Liberty, under such penalties as by the said Statute is set forth; which said Treasurer to be appointed by vertue of this Ordinance shall continue by vertue hereof untill the Easter Sessions following.

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